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For: SUPER HARD AND TOUGH NANO-CRYSTAL AUSTENITE STEEL BULK MATERIAL WITH AN IMPROVED CORROSION RESISTANCE, AND ITS PREPARATION PROCESS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Species Election Requirement mailed June 30, 2008, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-19.

Applicant further elects species 1a, claims 1, and 6-19 readable thereon.

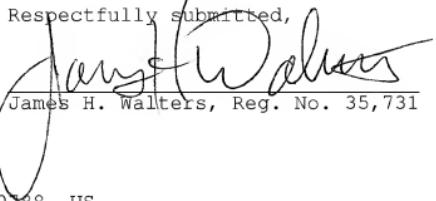
Applicant elects with traverse, in that it is submitted that the searches and examination would be similar, so it is believed that the claims should be examined together.

Please contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

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